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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claims 1-16 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

These claims are replete with language for which its intended meaning is not understood and further contain numerous grammatical/idiomatic errors. For example: claim 1, line 3 "configuration", line 5 "the first end or the forearm", line 5 "configurations", line 10 "the cited articulation configuration", line 15 "placed around", line 16 "being incorporated between"; claim 2, line 3 "there is a ring-shaped space"; claim 3, lines 3-4 "secured to a corresponding housing incorporated on"; claim 4, line 3 "located close to, or on,", line 5 "designed to slide over them" and "located at or close to"; claim 5, line 3 "is either made of or coated with a material"; claim 6, line 2 "those first and/or second conical surfaces", line 3 "which are made from", line 4 "are incorporated into"; claim 8, line 2 "the first and/or second conical", line 3 "on the surrounding wall and/or the core", lines 3-4 "or on auxiliary parts joined to them", line 4 "the first and/or second", lines 5-6 "has either received an antifriction treatment or is coated with a material"; claim 9, lines 6-7 "said surrounding wall remaining around the core trapped between the"; claim 10, line 3 "close to said", lines 5-6 "combined with an", line 6 "which incorporates the other of the"; claim 13, line 4 "that are pressure inserted"; claim 14, line 7 "leaving the surrounding wall trapped between the".

In addition, these claims are narrative in form and replete with functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly

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and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:


(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ES Patent No. 1,052,733 in view of ES Patent No. 1,051,839. ES Patent No. 1,052,733 discloses an articulated arm and forearm 10,11 including securing/articulation configurations 6-9,16-20 and a flexible pulling element 14. While ES Patent No. 1,052,733 does not specifically set forth particulars of the securing/articulation configurations as claimed including among other elements an elastic element, ES Patent No. 1,051,839 discloses an articulated awning arm including securing/articulation configurations 1,2a,5-9 (see figure 1) and an elastic element 3, wherein, to incorporate these teachings into the articulate arm and forearm of ES Patent No. 1,052,733 for the purpose of facilitating the movement of the awning would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

3. The following prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Clarke, Goldberg et al, Schane, Heiser '045 and '371, Gibson, Ackerman, Anton, Lohausen, Voss.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David M. Purol at telephone number (571) 272-6833.


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